throughout the country. The Government of Kerala had requested for reviewing the standards for "Pickle in Oil". The standards have been reviewed by the Central Committee for Food Standards which recommended to maintain the status quo. The Government of Kerala was informaed on 19.8.1997 accordingly.

Recommendation of Mahajan Committee on Sugar Regarding Import Duty

2015. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by the former Food Secretary B.B Mahajan has recommended a 40% countervailing import duty on sugar to protect the domestic industry and to do away with sale of sugar under PDS gradually over a period of two years; and

(b) if so, what are its precise recommendations and the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The Mahajan Committee has recommended that import duty may be levied at 40% of average difference between exfactory price of freesale and levy sugar during the past 5 years. The Committee also recommended complete decontrol of sugar which could be phased out over a period of two years. It has been suggested that Statutory Levy percentage may be reduced to 20% from the beginning of the next sugar season and that it may be retained at that level for two years. After the expiry of those two years, the levey provision may be completely abolished.

The recommendations of the Committee are under examination in Government.

Promotions in AIIMS

2016. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 25th March, 1998, under the heading "AIIMS reputation under cloud-shady Professor may get plum post";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of officials facing serious charges who were considered for promotion and the reasons therefor and the action taken against them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A faculty member of the Institute was placed under suspension twice, for the charges as alleged in the news-item. In the first case the Disciplinary Authorities imposed a minor penalty upon him. In the second case his suspension has been revoked w.e.f. 5.4.1997 pending court case and the matter is still subjudice.

(c) In the meeting of the Selection Committee held on 16.3.98 to consider promotion of faculty members, cases of two faculty members who were facing serious charges were also considered and the recommendations of the Selection Committee have been kept in a sealed cover in accordance with the instructions.

CGHS Dispensary at Pratap Vihar Ghaziabad

2017. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment are aware that the Vijay Nagar and Pratap Vihar area of Ghaziabad is upcoming very fast and thousands of Central Government employees are residing there but there is no Government hospital of CGHS dispensary or even authorised medical attendant approved by Government;

(b) whether Government propose to open a CGHS dispensary there in near future and appoint an authorised medical attendant of requisite status right now in the area till the CGHS dispensary is opened; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasos therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The Government has not received any request for opening of CGHS dispensary from the residents of the said colonies in Ghaziabad. The CGHS dispensaries are

opened as per norms fixed by the Government. One Allopathic CGHS dispensary is already functioning in Ghaziabad and there is no further proposal to open a new CGHS dispensary in Ghazibad at present.

As regards the appointment of AMA in the said colonies, it is for the concerened Ministries/Departments of the employees residing there to appoint AMA for providing medical facilities to their employees, under the delegated poweres under CS (MA) Rules, 1994.

Anomalies in the Promotions of I.C.M.R. Staff

2018. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in April 1997 Government have agreed to accept one time assessment and promotion scheme for the technical staff of the I.C.M.R. to rectify the gross anomalies in the absence of promotion and assessment scheme for the said staff;

(b) if so, whether Government have since implemented this assurance; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the tentative time schedule to rectify the situations?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The matter has been pending consideration as it is linked with the Vth Pay Commission's recommandation regarding the Assured Career Progression on which a decision is yet to be taken.

इलैक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा प्रणाली

2019. **श्री नागमणि: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय ने इलैक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा प्रणाली को मान्यता देने के लिए जांच व विशेषज्ञ समिति गठित की थी;

(ख) क्या समिति ने इलैक्ट्रोपैथी संस्थानों का निरीक्षण किया था;

(ग) क्या समिति ने इलैक्ट्रोपैथी में प्रेक्टिस कर रहे चिकित्सकों से इस चिकित्सा प्रणाली के बारे में पूर्ण जानकारी प्राप्त कर ली थी; और

(घ) क्या स्वास्थ्य सचिव ने यह माना कि यह प्रणाली विकास की अवस्था में है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, हां। जांच समिति के सदस्यों ने अलवर, आगरा, नई दिल्ली और मथुरा के इलैक्ट्रोपैथी संस्थानों का निरीक्षण किया।

(ग) और (घ) जांच समिति के सदस्यों ने आधारभूत ढांचे, पाठ्यक्रम, पुस्तकालय सुविधाओं तथा इलैक्ट्रोहोम्योपैथिक औषधों की आपूर्ति की जांच की। फिर भी इस समिति ने इलैक्ट्रोपैथी/इलैक्ट्रोहोम्योपैथी को नई चिकित्सा पद्धति के रूप में मान्यता देने की संस्तुति नहीं की। बाद में, तत्कालीन सचिव (स्वास्थ्य) ने 19.1.1993 को यह बताते हुए एक आख्यापक आदेश जारी किया कि इस पद्धति के विकास के "वर्तमान स्तर)" पर इलैक्ट्रोपैथी/इलैक्ट्रोहोम्योपैथी को मान्यता प्रदान नहीं की जा सकती है।

प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के लिए दी गई वित्तीय सहायता का उपयोग

2020. **श्री रामजीलाल: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री 26 नवम्बर, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 380 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

(क) सरकार प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र खोलने के लिए दी गई वित्तीय सहायता के वास्तविक उपयोग की पुष्टि किस प्रकार करती है;

(ख) वर्ष 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों को इस मद में कितनी वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई और क्या इसका वास्तविक उपयोग भी किया गया है; और

(ग) आगामी वित्त वर्ष तथा चालू वित्त वर्ष में हरियाणा को कितनी वित्तीय सहायता देने का प्रावधान है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु): (क) राज्य सरकारें प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों की स्थापना और उनका अनुरक्षण राज्य क्षेत्र न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम/बुनियादी न्यूनतम सेवाओं के अंतर्गत करती हैं। राज्य सरकारें न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत प्राथमिकताएं स्वयं तय करती हैं।

(ख) न्यूनतम आवश्यकता कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत वर्ष 1996-97 एवं 1997-98 के लिए अनुमोदित परिव्यय विवरण में दिए गए हैं। (नीचे देखिए)